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1. THE VC/ NVA LAUNCH A HIGH POINT THE NIGHT OF
APRIL 5-6 IN THE 21 ST DIVISION AO. REPORTED INCIDENTS,
ALMOST ALL IN CHUONG THIEN, TOTALED 28. THE MOST SERIOUS
INCIDENT WAS THE SHELLING OF KIEN HUNG DISTRICT TOWN WHICH
RECEIVED SOME SIXTY 107 MM ROCKET AND 82 MM MORTAR ROUNDS IN
FIFTEEN MINUTES. CASUALTIES IN THE INCIDENT WERE ELEVEN
KIA AND SOME WOUNDED, THE 32 ND REGIMENT COMMANDER, LTC DOAN
CU, WAS KILLED. CU WAS DEPUTY SECTORCOMMANDER OF BAC LIEU
BEFORE HIS ASSIGNMENT TO THE 32 ND. THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE
21 ST DIVISION EXPRESSED TO OUR VICE CONSUL HIS SURPRISE
THAT THE VC HAD SUFFICIENT AMMUNITION AND TUBES TO FIRE
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SIXTY ROUNDS IN FIFTEEN MINUTES.

2. MOST OF THE OTHER INCIDENTS WERE OUTPOST SHELLINGS AND
CUASED LITTLE DAMAGE. NEITHER KIEN TIN NOR KIEN LONG DISTRICT
TOWNS - BOTH SHELLED DURING EARLIER HIGH POINTS - WERE ATTACKED,
NOR WAS VI THANH, THE PROVINCE CAPTIAL.

3. THE VICE CONSUL COMMENTS THAT GVN OFFICIALS IN CHUONG
TTHIEN HAVE EXPECTED THIS HIGH POINT FOR SOME THREE WEEKS AND
NOW BELIEVE IT WILL CONTINUE FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS. IT BEGAN
ON THE 30 TH DAY OF THE LUNAR MONTH, A POPULAR TIME FOR VC/ NVA
ATTACKS BECAUSE OF THE DARK OF THE MOON.
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